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Special Propaganda-Analysis Services During August and September

The Radio Propaganda Branch has prepared the following responses to requests for research and analysis since the end of July. Most of the requests were related to the Vice President's USSR trip and Khrushchev's coming U.S. visit. The bulk of these requests came from General Cushman in behalf of the Vice President.

The branch performed or participated in a total of 20 special services from 29 July through 10 September (excluding numerous responses to telephone queries for information that could be supplied without extensive back research).

1. Services for the Vice President

- 29 July: A report on Moscow propaganda's initial treatment of the Vice President's Soviet tour was prepared for inclusion in a letter over the Director's signature, transmitted to the Vice President in Moscow by a State Department official.
- 5 August: An analysis of Moscow propaganda on the Vice President's tour was prepared in typescript for the Director, to be handed to the Vice President upon his return to Washington.
- 24 August: Soviet press treatment of the President's statements during the past six months was compared with U.S. press coverage of Khrushchev's statements (by means of a count of column inches, [REDACTED] handling the U.S. press and [REDACTED] the Soviet). General Cushman's request.
- 3 September: A selection of threatening statements made by Khrushchev during the past two years, with introductory background remarks, was reproduced in a collation together with a selection of Khrushchev's colorful statements. General Cushman's request.
- 5 September: RFB files were checked to determine whether there was any precedent for Khrushchev's reported remark

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at a cocktail party that "we won't raise the sword." Mr. Nixon's request via the Director's office.

- 2 September: A memorandum on the extent of Soviet propaganda support for the Laotian rebels followed up a report conveyed by telephone to [] on 4 September.
- 10 September: The above memorandum on the Laotian situation was updated at General Cushman's request.
- 10 September: A collation of quotations was assembled to illustrate Khrushchev's harshest remarks about U.S. Government policy, President Eisenhower, and Secretary Dulles. General Cushman's request.
- 10 September: Texts of all Khrushchev statements since 7 March were assembled for General Cushman.

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2. Services for the Director

- 3 August: A typescript report on Soviet radio treatment of Nixon's 1 August Moscow TV speech was prepared for delivery to General Cabell at 9:30 a.m. Monday, 3 August. Requested Sunday via OCI.
- 21 August: Khrushchev statements on the German question since 7 March 1959 were reproduced in a collation updating a 10 March compilation on the same subject. Requested by Colonel Grogan the preceding afternoon.
- 4 September: Soviet radio and press coverage of the Vice President's USSR visit was updated and expanded to include a detailed comparison of Soviet press treatment of that visit with U.S. press treatment of Kozlov's and Mikoyan's trips to the United States. [] and [] provided research support. Requested by [] for the Director.

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3. Other Special Services

These additional special services were undertaken during the period under review:

- 4 August: An item was prepared for the [] wire following queries from several offices about misleading Western press reports on Soviet radio coverage of Nixon's Moscow TV speech.

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- 7 August: A Radio Propaganda Report on Soviet outer-space projects and programming was issued in response to a request from OSI's Guided Missiles Division.
- 10 August: worldwide press and radio reaction to the Vice President's USSR trip, including Sino-Soviet bloc reaction, was rounded up in a supplement to the Daily Report, World Reaction Series. A summary was forwarded to the President.
- 24 August: A Radio Propaganda Report on the content of Moscow's broadcasts to Africa was issued in response to a USIA/IRI request.
- 25 August: A typescript analysis of Soviet propaganda on the nuclear test-ban issue was prepared in support of a forthcoming SMIL.
- 4 September: Background on a Khrushchev statement about the test-ban negotiations was disseminated on the 25X1 Wire at State RSB request.
- 10 September: Western and bloc reaction to the President's European visit was reviewed in a World Reaction Series supplement to the Daily Report.
- 11 September: A Radio Propaganda Report, being completed today, will respond to a request from the Chief, PP Staff for an analysis of bloc propaganda on the eve of Khrushchev's visit.

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